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Amendments To The Abstract:

The attached sheet includes a clean version of the revised Abstract which replaces all prior versions of the Abstract in the application.

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Abstract

A computer system and a method is disclosed for determining a travel scheme which minimizes travel costs for an organization, where the organization expects to purchase travel trips for a plurality of travelers for a plurality of travel links. From the travel information, the system constructs an objective function representing a travel cost to the organization to purchase travel trips for the plurality of travelers for the plurality of predetermined links, and a set of constraints comprising restrictions relating to the objective function. The constraints are applied to the objective function to determine a solution of the objective function that satisfies the constraints and that minimizes the travel costs of the organization, and a data output device then generates a report representative of the solution.